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Claims 4-8, 10, 12-27 and 30-35, line 1, the phrase "A soft capsule" has been amended to "A method for producing a soft capsule".

Claims 8, 33 and 34, the phrase "MACROGOL® (polyethylene glycol)" has been amended to "polyethylene glycol".

Claim 24, line 2, after the phrase "the fill material", the word "further" has been inserted.

Claim 27, line 2, after the phrase "the fill material", the word "further" has been inserted.

Claim 30, line 2, the word "aging" has been amended to "drying".

lines 1 and 2
Claim 35, ~~line 2~~, the phrase "soft capsule has been subjected to aging" has been amended to "drying is conducted".

lines 1 and 2
Claim 34, ~~line 2~~, the phrase "claims 1, 2, 4, 5, or 6" has been amended to "claims 37, 4, 5, or 6".

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior arts, Ebert and Lech, do not teach the claimed method wherein the capsule filled with low melting point cacao butter is subjected to drying at a temperature of 30-40°C for 5 hours to 64°C hours. This drying condition is necessary to control the crystal type of the cacao butter, therefore, homogenize the capsule shell and the fill material to obtain a soft capsule that has an improved taste and immediately soluble upon administering.